

is left of it when applied to railroads,' the opinion states.

"Under one or both of these tests the Union Pacific could probably have lawfully purchased control of the great railroad system in the United States."

New York, June 24.—The stock market today made quick response to the announcement of the United States circuit court's decision in the Harriman merger suit. Naturally the Harriman issues were the most affected, and they showed gains of almost 4 points. Other stocks were up from 1 to 3 points. Trading was on a heavy scale.

Officials of the Harriman railroad offices were greatly interested in the decision. None of the lawyers of the company would discuss until they heard more about it.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago says: "The secretaries of fourteen lumber dealers' associations from Pennsylvania to the Pacific coast were indicted by a special grand jury of the United States court for alleged violations of the anti-trust law. The proceeding, it is admitted, is absolutely unique under the Sherman anti-trust law. The government makes no effort to show action on the part of the retailers to combine in restraint of trade, but charges that under the guise of the secretaries' bureau of information and the paper, 'The Scout,' prices have advanced steadily."

HOW TIMES DO CHANGE

Dr. Wilson's attitude with respect to the recall of the judiciary does not in the least surprise us; in fact the surprise lies the other way about—in the extent to which he, a man of scholastic temperament, with conservative surroundings and in the difficult position of a prospective candidate for president, has been willing to go on the road toward absolute democracy. Many stout hearts that pass through direct nominations and direct election of senators without a quiver hesitate at the referendum. Others go on until they come to the initiative, at which they balk. When we get to the recall, there is panic all along the line, and it is only the seasoned veterans or the reckless young enthusiasts that walk up without flinching. Yet these three principles are the very essence of real democracy. Without them there can be no rule of the people.

How rapidly we move in these days! Only three years ago when Mr. Bryan got back from Europe, in the speeches preliminary to the campaign he made for the democratic nomination, he played up the initiative and referendum. He did not venture the recall. Straightaway Harper's Weekly pictured him holding up two wierd rag babies, and beneath, the legend: "The sawdust twins." This same paper is now ardently supporting Dr. Wilson, who goes about the country doing just what Bryan did and doing it better. —California Outlook.

A DISTINCTION

One would have it that a collie is the most sagacious of dogs, while the other stood up for the setter.

"I once owned a setter," declared the latter, "which was very intelligent. I had him on the street one day, and he acted so queerly about a certain man we met that I asked the man his name, and—"

"Oh, that's an old story!" the collie's advocate broke in sneeringly. "The man's name was Pertridge, of course, and because of that the dog came to a set. Ho, ho! Come again!"

"You're mistaken," rejoined the other, suavely. "The dog didn't come quite to a set, though most. As a matter of fact, the man's name was Quayle, and the dog hesitated on account of the spelling!" —Lippincott's.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Former Senator Hopkins of Illinois who was defeated by Mr. Lorimer, testified before the senate committee that "jackpots" constitute "one of the traditions of politics in Illinois."

Patrons of the registry department of the postoffice are to be allowed an indemnity for third and fourth class registered matter lost in the mails after July 1, 1911, according to an order of Postmaster General Hitchcock. The indemnity is limited to \$25 per package.

The Washington correspondent for the Houston (Texas) Post, says: "James Jones, the aged negro surviving body servant of the confederacy's president, Jefferson Davis, is about to lose the position he has long held as a laborer carried on the United States senate pay roll. Senator Lodge offered a resolution doing away with several employes and among them was Jones, who he said, was in ill health and had not performed any duties in two years. Jones is believed to be the only living person who now knows where the great seal of the confederacy is hidden and he refuses to tell because of a promise made to Mr. Davis. Senator Burton objected to final action on the resolution and the democratic senators will make an effort to secure some provision for Jones."

Senator Bailey is opposed to the reciprocity bill saying that it can not be defended either as a revenue or a protection measure.

Secretary of the Interior Fisher has rejected the famous Cunningham Alaskan coal land claims through which it was charged the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate had planned to extend their vast interests in Alaska. This is accepted as a vindication of Pinchot and in effect a reversal of Ballinger.

The Root amendment to the reciprocity bill proposing a modification of the wood pulp and print paper section was defeated by an overwhelming vote.

An Associated Press dispatch, under date of June 22, says: "Already a badly tangled situation in the senate was still further complicated today when the senate finance committee decided to throw the woolen revision and so-called farmers' free list bills recently passed by the democratic house, into the open senate at once to take chances along with the Canadian reciprocity. Both measures however, received a formal adverse committee report. Chairman Penrose after submitting the reports on the bills to the senate explained the committee did not believe that proper hearings could be given within the twenty days allowed by the Gore resolution adopted by the senate and it was decided to report at once."

The announcement is made that Senator Warren, of Wyoming, at the age of sixty-seven, would wed Miss Clara LeBaron Morgan of Washington. She is thirty-five, and is the niece of former Associate Justice Brown of the United States supreme court.

The New York World says: "James H. Post, president of the National Sugar-Refining company of New Jersey, testified before the house committee that H. O. Havemeyer received \$10,000,000 in stock of that company as a reward for organizing

it. This stock has since earned \$2,500,000 in dividends, and this \$2,500,000 has been paid by the consumers of sugar. That is how they 'shared in the economics of operation,' as Wall street is accustomed to say. Judge Gary recently testified before the house committee that is investigating the Steel trust that the Morgan syndicate received \$129,000,000 for organizing the United States Steel corporation, half in preferred stock and half in common. The expenses of organization were placed at \$3,000,000 and the syndicate turned over \$25,000,000 in cash to the corporation. The rest was profit."

The Washington correspondent for the Hearst American prints this story of devotion: "On adjoining cots in the Georgetown hospital are United States Senator Luke Lea, of Tennessee, the 'baby' member of the upper house and his wife—Lea, who twenty-four hours ago was a stalwart athlete, now so weak that he is scarcely able to move; Mrs. Lea, who then was at the very door of death, now virtually out of all danger, thanks to his love and heroism. Senator Lea gave a full quart of his blood to his wife, letting the precious fluid flow from his veins into hers until he fainted from exhaustion. But as the color faded from his face it crept into the cheeks of his helpmeet, and when he recovered consciousness the surgeons gave him the glad news: 'She will live, senator, and you'll be all right in a few days.'"

Senator Clapp of Minnesota, republican, has declared in favor of Senator La Follette as the republican nominee for president in 1912.

In a speech delivered at New Haven, Conn., President Taft paid a glowing eulogy to the United States supreme court and a high tribute to its decisions in the Standard Oil and Tobacco trust cases.

By a vote of 172 to 112 the house of representatives refused to concur in the Bristow amendment to elections of senators by the people and returned the same to the senate.

Inquiry into charges that naval officers habitually have used government material and time at the Washington navy yard in the repair of personal automobiles and power boats, was resumed by the house committee on expenditures in the navy.

Taxation of automobiles going from one state to another, the money thus derived to be used for the improvement of roads, is contemplated in a bill introduced by Senator Simmons of North Carolina. The bill is a general good-roads bill.

Postmaster General Hitchcock named fifty postoffice depositories, making the number to date 800. Among the newly designated offices which will receive deposits July 22, are: Iowa Falls, Storm Lake, Ia.; Fort Scott, Marysville, Kan.; Liberty, Mo.; York, Neb.; Webster, S. D.

Replying to the republican threat to bring about tariff revision Senator Bristow said: "The insurgents are ready for the fight. We are ready with revision bills. Senator La Follette has woolens and cottons; Senator Cummins has steel and I am ready with sugar and lead. These bills take in the duties which are admittedly excessive. Now the question is, what will the president

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